

My name is Tracey C. Turpin, and I have been working as a Sergeant with the Maryland Transit Administration for 5 years. I am writing testimony in support of SB 475 and HB 580, for why MTA supervisors and sergeants need the right to collectively bargain.

My role in the MTA is to supervise the Administrative Unit, Evidence Control Unit, and Quartermaster Unit. I also take on various tasks as instructed by my supervisors. My job is essential for the operations of the MTA because the Administrative Unit preserves personnel files and other confidential documents. The Evidence Control Unit secures all evidence related to cases and documented incidents. The Quartermaster Unit controls and keeps track of vehicles, uniforms, equipment, and archivable files.

While on this job, I have experienced being on call and not being compensated for my time and subordinates earning close to or equal to my wages.

For these reasons, I urge this body to pass this bill.